

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 23-25 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants have amended all pending claims. In addition to the amendments discussed hereinafter, the preambles of claims 9 and 19 have been shortened in a non-narrowing fashion.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Claims:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-12 and 13-18 were objected to on informality grounds. Applicants have amended the foregoing claims in that regard and respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification/Rejections Of Claims 1, 2, 7-10, 13, 14, 19 and 23-25 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1:

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to on grounds that the phrase “wherein the first level is lower than the second level” allegedly is not supported by the specification, and thus, allegedly constitutes new matter. The Examiner contends that the specification instead supports only a second level being lower than the first level.

Also in the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 7-10, 13, 14, 19 and 23-25 were rejected as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement on grounds that the claimed phrase “wherein the first level is lower than the second level” is not supported by the specification and is unclear in meaning.

Applicants have amended the foregoing claims to recite that which the Examiner indicates the specification supports. In particular, the claims have been amended so that the terms “first” and “second” are reversed throughout. Also, FIG. 3 has been amended similarly.

Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of the amended claims is identical to the scope of the claims prior to amendment, but the claims now do not require that the first level is lower than the second level. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejections be withdrawn.

Also in the Office Action, claims 1 and 24 were rejected on grounds that the phrase “the quantity of announcement information” lacks antecedent basis. Applicants have amended the foregoing claims in that regard, and thus, respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims:

Applicants do not believe it necessary at this time to address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

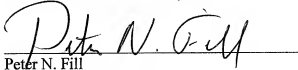
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4233.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4233.

Respectfully submitted,
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